

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first paragraph on page 7, lines 1-5, with the below amended paragraph.

Illustrative non-ionic hydrophilic polymers are preferably water-soluble when not bound to a surface. Their molecular weight is within the range from about 400 to about 1,000,000 daltons, preferably from about 1,000 to about 200,000, such as below 100,000 daltons.